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Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please number the first page of the application as page 1.

On page 1, lines 6-10, please delete the paragraph which begins "This application is a continuation-in-part application" and insert the following paragraph:

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--This application is a continuation-in-part application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/02289, filed February 3, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.--

On page 12, lines 18-20, please delete the following section paragraph:

"Immunoassay profiles of fractions from Superose 12 column chromatography of a pooled urine concentrate from pregnant women."

and insert the following:

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--Immunoassay profiles of fractions from Superose 12 column chromatography of standards (panel A) and a pooled urine concentrate from pregnant women (panel B).--

On page 17, lines 25-32, please delete the paragraph which begins "The hybridoma producing the B152 monoclonal antibody was

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deposited..." and insert the following:

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--The hybridoma cell line B152 was deposited pursuant to and in satisfaction of, the requirements of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with the American Type culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 on February 3, 1998 under ATCC Designation No. HB-12467. The hybridoma cell lines B207, B108 and B109 were deposited pursuant to and in satisfaction of, the requirements of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with the American Type culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 on April 4, 2000 under the following Designation Nos.: ATCC Designation No. PTA-1624 (B109); ATCC Designation No. PTA-1625 (B108); and ATCC Designation No. PTA-1626 (B207).--

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 77 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please amend claims 67-74 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of amended claims 67-74 wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as

Exhibit A:

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--67. (Amended) A method for detecting gestational trophoblast malignancy in a subject which comprises: